

of Leonard Iglehart, John J. Hodges, Nicholas B. Worthington and Absalom Bealmeare and wife, passed at December session 1838 and '39, chapter 163;

Read and referred to Messrs. Owens, Hammond, Estep, Ridgley and Welch of Annapolis.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The house took up for consideration the special order of the day, being the bill in reference to the currency;

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The house was called and the door-keeper sent after the absent members in the city.

The Speaker called Mr. Seidenstricker to the chair.

On motion of Mr. Gaither,

The house proceeded with the ordinary business of the session in the absence of the door-keeper.

Mr. Gaither submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company be requested to inform this house on as early a day as practicable, whether he has on behalf of the company over which he presides, drawn any draft on London which has been protested, and if so what was the amount of the draft, and what was the loss to the company by such protest.

On motion of Mr. Owens,

Said order was laid on the table.

The door-keeper returned and reported that he had notified all the absent members in the city that their attendance was required in the house.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill on the currency.

Mr. Bowie moved to amend the first section of said bill by striking out all after the word "specie," in the third line of the said section, and inserting "thirty days after the banks of Pennsylvania and Virginia shall have resumed specie payments."

Before the question was taken on said motion,

Mr. Spencer moved to amend the first section of said bill by inserting the word "first" after the word "the" in the third line thereof.

Before the question was put,

The Speaker resumed the chair, and

The clerk of the senate delivered the following message:

*By the Senate, February 12, 1840.*

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

Having learned with feelings of sincere regret, the death of our much esteemed colleague, the Honorable John Boon, of Caroline county, we communicate to your honorable body the notice of this afflicting event that you may adopt such order as may seem proper.

By order,

Joseph H. Nicholson, Cl'k.

Mr. Potter submitted the following message:

Which was read and assented to.